

Working Seniors: Major Fields of Study

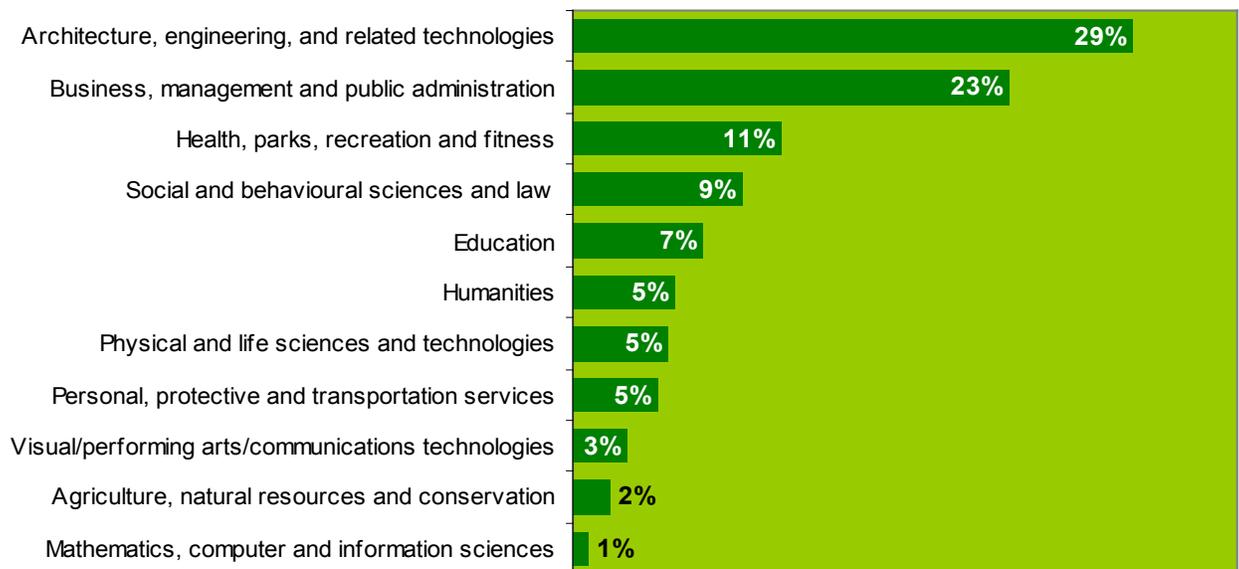
In Halton, there were over 7,000 working seniors in 2006. The proportion of employed seniors is higher than the national rate of 9.7%. One in eight (13%) seniors continued to stay in the work force.

About 40% of the working seniors between the age of 65 and 74 did not have any postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree. This percentage is higher than that for the total employed labour force (35%). However, about one in four (24%) working seniors in this age group had a university certificate or degree compared to 14% of all seniors.

The top major field of study chosen by the working seniors (65 to 74 years) was architecture, engineering, and related technologies, in contrast to business, management and public administration which was the most popular field of study for the total employed labour force.



Proportion of working seniors (65 - 74 yrs) by major fields of study, Halton Region, 2006



% working seniors (65-74 yrs)

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

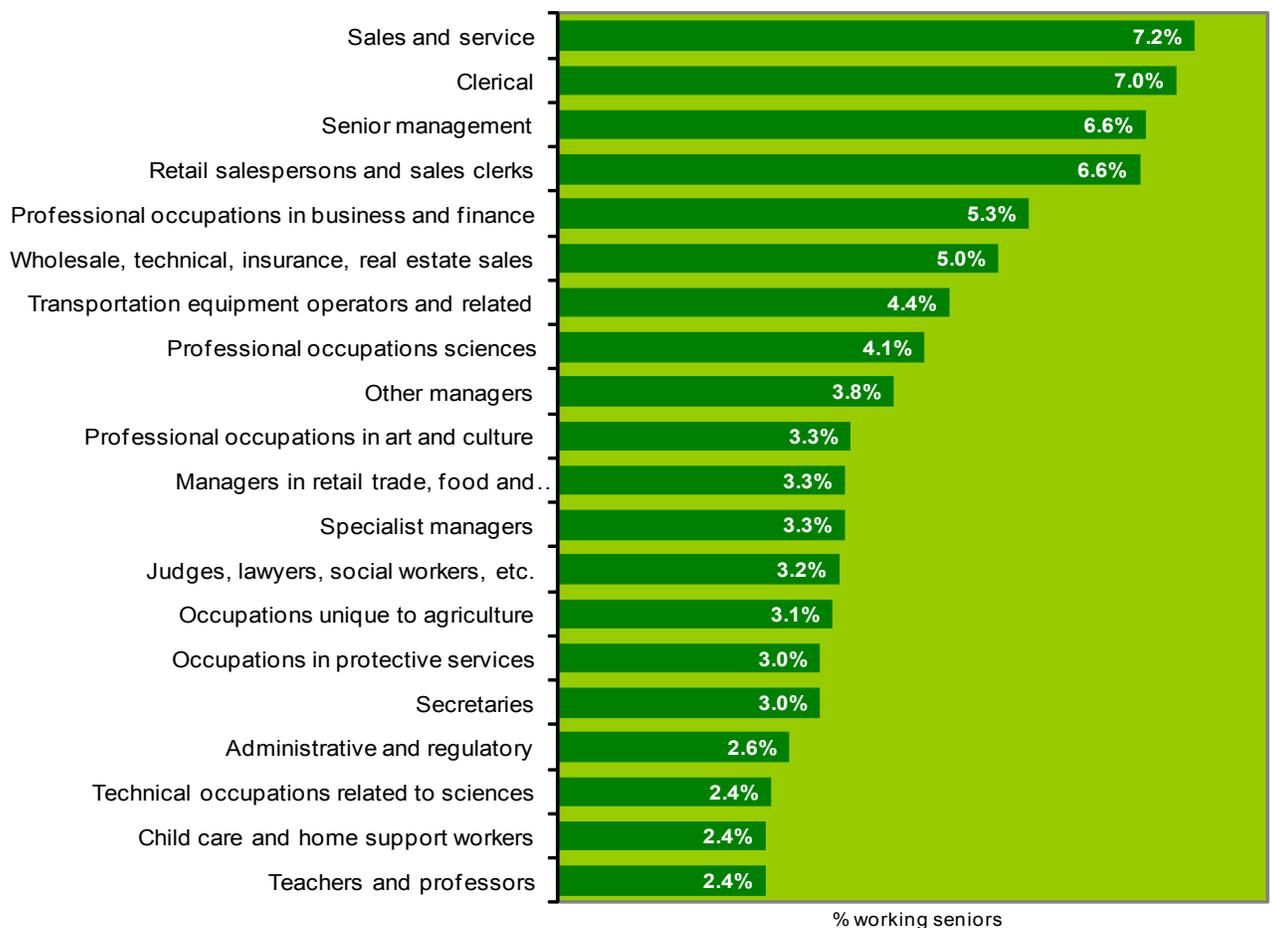
Working Seniors: Top Occupations

Over 7% of the working seniors worked in the sales and service occupations which include personal services, cleaners, food counter attendants, kitchen helpers, and grocery clerks. Over half (54%) of the working seniors in this category were female.

The second most common occupation group was the clerical occupations at 7%. They were mostly likely to be general office clerks, data entry clerks, library clerks, finance and insurance clerks. Female working seniors accounted for over two-third (70%) of the work force.

Those in the third top occupation were legislators and senior managers, accounting for 6.6% of the working senior population. This proportion is significantly higher than the national average of 1.2%. Legislators participate in a government legislative body or executive council, band council or school board as an elected or appointed member. Senior managers worked in both the public and private sectors as chairperson, president, chief executive officer, vice president, etc. A majority (83%) of the working seniors in this category were men.

**Top 20 occupations for working seniors
Halton Region, 2006**



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census



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